

**MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 12-21**

August 11, 2021

**PORT READINESS CONDITION X-RAY FOR KEY WEST 11 Aug 2021 AT 1100 (11:00AM)**

Port Readiness Conditions are set by the Captain of the Port (COTP) and are based on the projected arrival of gale force winds (greater than 34 knots/39mph) associated with tropical storm activity in the port. Mariners should be aware that there are no "safe havens" identified within the Florida Keys for a vessel to safely survive hurricane force winds, or storm surges without creating a threat to the safety of the port and public welfare.

Hours Prior to Gales	Readiness Condition	Measures in Effect	Date
72	Whiskey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oceangoing vessels 500 gross tons and above must make plans to depart no later than the setting of condition Yankee unless authorized by the COTP.</li><li>Vessels wishing to remain in port are required to submit an application to the COTP prior to setting port condition X-Ray, the requirements which can be found in the Remain In Port Checklist on <a href="https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/key-west">https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/key-west</a>.</li></ul>	10 Aug 2021 1100 (11:00AM) Local Time
48	X-Ray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All regulated facilities are required to submit a Facility Readiness Survey to the COTP prior to setting port condition Yankee.</li></ul>	11 Aug 2021 1100 (11:00AM)
24	Yankee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The port is closed to all inbound commercial traffic unless authorized by the COTP.</li><li>Oceangoing vessels 500 gross tons and above without approved applications to remain in port shall depart at this time.</li></ul>	ESTIMATED 12 Aug 2021 1100 (11:00AM)
12	Zulu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The port is closed to all vessel traffic except unless specifically authorized by the COTP.</li><li>Cargo operations are suspended, including bunkering and lightering. Waivers may be granted unless Cargo of Particular Hazard or Certain Dangerous Cargo is involved.</li></ul>	ESTIMATED 12 Aug 2021 2300 (11:00PM)
After Storm's Passage	All Clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The port will be re-opened after a satisfactory assessment of the waterway, including critical aids to navigation, has been conducted.</li></ul>	TBD

RED BOX = CURRENT CONDITION

YELLOW HIGHLIGHT = MEASURES REQUIRED

On August 11, 2021, at 1100 (11:00AM) Port Readiness Condition **X-RAY** will be set for the Port of Key West along with all regulated terminals and facilities within the Sector Key West's Area of Responsibility. Facilities, Marinas, and Port Partners are reminded to review and follow their heavy weather response plans and make preparations needed to safely weather any storm that may approach the area.

Mariners needing to navigate through the Snake Creek draw bridge are reminded that the bridge may not be operating on normally published schedules as early as 36 hours prior to forecast storm arrival and that the draw bridge will not be operating upon arrival of gale force winds (34 knots or higher) or following a mandatory Monroe County evacuation order.

As conditions may change rapidly, you are encouraged to frequently check Sector Key West's Homeport website for the most up to date information. The website can be found at: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/key-west>. If you have any questions, please contact my staff during working hours at (305) 292-8823 or [SKWPortOps@uscg.mil](mailto:SKWPortOps@uscg.mil) or after hours to the Command Duty Officer at (305) 292-8727 or [SKW@uscg.mil](mailto:SKW@uscg.mil).

Sincerely,

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Captain, U. S. Coast Guard

Captain of the Port Key West